

Multiphoton Optics GmbH closes Series B financing round

Summary. A consortium of investors has closed the multi-million Euro investment Series B for Germany-based Multiphoton Optics GmbH to foster the company's ongoing growth in industry-scale High Precision 3D Printing.

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A consortium of Fraunhofer Technologie-Transfer Fonds GmbH (FTTF) and existing investors High-Tech Gründerfonds GmbH, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft e.V., Bayern Kapital GmbH, Claus-Günther Knorr, and Dr. Boris Neubert has closed a multi-million Euro investment Series B for Multiphoton Optics GmbH. The investment will support the company's ongoing B2B growth in High Precision 3D Printing. Multiphoton Optics GmbH's technology closes the gap between conventional 3D printing, micro/nano technology and classical fabrication of optics. The second generation of its commercially available equipment LithoProf3D®-GSII, launched end of 2018, enables manufacturers to create improved and novel products in optics, photonics, and medical/life science. By Multiphoton Optics GmbH's Smart Print Fab for Prototyping & Engineering Services, customers benefit from a scalable technology to prototype their product ideas.

Dr. Ruth Houbertz, CEO of Multiphoton Optics GmbH about the customer's benefit of LithoProf3D®: "Our flexible equipment and software platform solution enables our customers to shorten product development cycles drastically, to decrease the number of process steps, and to significantly save resources and reduce cost. This is a significant competitive advantage, particularly in photonics and medical packaging."

Jörg Wamser, Managing Director of FTTF, about the investment: "Photonic components are already integrated in billions of devices - and mega-trends like IoT, big data, AR/VR, and high-performance computing will further increase the demand. FTTF has invested in Multiphoton Optics GmbH because its team has developed a technology that will - for the first time ever - make High Precision 3D Printing a competitive option for the mass production of a wide array of high-quality low-cost micro-photonics elements."

"Our competitive advantages more and more result in growing customer demand. The investment will be used to speed up the production of equipment to keep track with the demand. And it will help us to make full use of our creativity to come up with innovative manufacturing processes and designs.", says Dr. Boris Neubert, COO of Multiphoton Optics GmbH.

About Multiphoton Optics GmbH. Multiphoton Optics GmbH in Würzburg, Germany was founded in 2013. The company is an innovative global supplier for High Precision 3D Printing Equipment for additive and subtractive manufacturing processes with core competencies in materials, laser technology, fabrication processes, software, supported by a solid portfolio of IP. Multiphoton Optics GmbH provides Prototyping & Engineering support and Consulting Services along the entire value chain.

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